
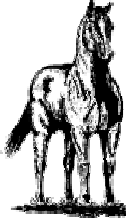








A Comparison:
the National Animal Identification System (NAIS)
and South Dakota's Brand Inspection Program

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	<i>Animal Identification</i>	<i>Brand Identification</i>
<i>Goal of the Program</i>	To protect animal agriculture from devastating animal diseases.	To protect livestock owners from loss of animals due to theft, straying or misappropriation.
<i>How is this done?</i>	By identifying all premises and animals that have contact with animal of concern as quickly and efficiently as possible using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Premises Identification ➤ Animal Identification ➤ Animal Movement Tracing 	By monitoring change of ownership of cattle through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration of permanent brands for livestock ➤ Inspection of brands and animals prior to change of ownership, animal movement out of brand area (West River, South Dakota only.)
<i>Where?</i>	All states 	Only 17 states have partial or complete state brand inspection laws. These include Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming
<i>Which animals are included?</i>	NAIS includes: alpaca and llama, aquaculture (fish and shellfish), beef and dairy cattle, bison, deer and elk, goats, horses and mules, poultry, sheep, and swine.	 South Dakota requires inspection of brands on all cattle, and equine (horses and mules) in the brand area—West of the Missouri River only. 
<i>How are the programs funded?</i> 	The federal government allocated limited funding for initial implementation of projects and development of a premises identification system. Eventually both private and public funding will be necessary to make the NAIS fully operational. Federal and state governments and industry will share the cost of maintenance, probably with each of these entities covering certain aspects of the system.	Brand inspection is financed through user fees generated from brand inspections. 
<i>Laws</i>	NAIS is voluntary, including inspection at movement.	Mandatory brand inspection prior to movement of livestock from the inspection area (West River.)
<i>Scope</i> 	National. Identification numbers are nationally unique for each animal.	Local. Brands are unique to each brand area, not individual animals.
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